

April 13, 1976

Dear Don,

Thank you for your April 2nd memo on your retirement. You have served this Agency with great distinction and only now am I beginning to fully understand the real importance and depth of the IG's work.

I appreciate your high regard for Scott Breckinridge. He will be considered.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Bush".

George Bush

Dr. Donald Chamberlain  
Inspector General  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Donald F. Chamberlain  
Inspector General


SUBJECT : Retirement of the Inspector General

1. Perhaps you will recall that when I discussed with you the responsibilities of the Office of the Inspector General, shortly before Christmas, I mentioned that I intended to retire on 30 June 1976. This action is in line with my arrangement with the former DCI, Bill Colby, to serve about three years as IG. I took over the job toward the end of June, 1973, at the time we were becoming active in the Watergate investigation. This note is intended to reaffirm my decision to retire at the end of June, and to permit you adequate time to select a replacement.

2. I realize that the position of Inspector General is one which could be filled by selection from outside CIA. Should you decide, however, to choose a current CIA employee as the new IG, I strongly urge that this person be my Deputy and Chief of the Inspection Staff, Scott Breckinridge. Scott has been with the Office of the Inspector General since 1962, and is the only person in CIA with a real institutional memory in this area. As the attached resume' indicates, he has a legal background, DDI experience, and was assigned overseas to [redacted]. As a result of his varied assignments he has a wide acquaintanceship in CIA among personnel in the DCI area and in the various directorates. I think his strong record since joining the Inspection Staff in 1962 speaks for itself and I have no hesitation in urging his appointment as the Inspector General. I am certain that his selection would receive strong support from among your senior officers.

3. I would like to take this opportunity to express my continued support for this Agency which you now head and to hope that my 21 years here have been of some value in CIA's efforts to carry out its varied and demanding responsibilities.

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Donald F. Chamberlain

Attachment:  
Resume'- Scott Breckinridge

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. [redacted]

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I have asked D/Personnel to recommend what award should be considered for presentation at his retirement and will advise.

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B. C. Evans

P.S. You should probably ask the five Deputies for candidates to replace Don. I could do so on your behalf if you wish.

Date 5 April 1976

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